

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-60. (Cancelled)

61. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim ~~36~~ 70 wherein said headgear includes a transverse strap including a support portion capable of receiving said conduit to support and decouple movement of said conduit from said interface.

62. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 61 wherein said support portion is curved in shape and has an upper arm and lower arm, said upper arm being more flexible than said lower arm, each of said arms receive said conduit and support ~~supporting~~ said conduit above said headgear.

63. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 61 wherein said support portion is an elongate member capable of restraining said conduit.

64. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim ~~36~~ 70 wherein said headgear is comprised of a forward substantially rigid part and a backward soft part.

65. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 64 wherein said forward substantially rigid pad includes a substantially rigid layer and a padding layer, said padding layer is removable from said rigid layer.

66. (Canceled)

67. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 64 wherein said backward soft part is formed of a stretchable, breathable material.

68. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim ~~36~~ 70 wherein said headgear includes tightening means that allows the adjustment of a backward soft part, said tightening means is a length of elastic attached to a forward substantially rigid part but extending over said backward soft part and a toggle which said length of elastic is capable in use of being pulled through to tighten said backward soft part in relation to said forward substantially rigid part.

69. (Canceled)

70. (Currently Amended) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user comprising:
an interface including a hollow body, a gases inlet in said hollow body, and a sealing member configured to in use rest against the face of a user, adapted in use to supply gases to said user,

a headgear adapted to attach to said interface and around head of said user,

a conduit supplying said gases to said interface, said conduit attached to ~~an~~ said gases inlet ~~to said hollow body,~~

~~a headgear adapted to attach to said interface and around the head of said user, and~~

a support strap attached to said headgear, said support strap forming a loop to connect to and support said conduit, said support strap connects to said conduit below the gases inlet as said conduit hangs vertically below said gases inlet, said support strap supporting said conduit such that said conduit hangs away from said headgear and mask.

71. (Canceled)

72. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 70 wherein said support strap is a sling connecting to the headgear and said conduit.

73. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 70 wherein said support strap is a sliding strap that connects to the headgear and said conduit, allowing a sliding connection between said headgear and said conduit, said sliding connection reducing drag and other forces on said mask or headgear due to said conduit moving such that said loading on said tubing is transferred to said headgear.

74. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 70 wherein there is a sliding connection between said headgear and said interface when said interface is engaged with said user.

75. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 70 wherein said headgear includes a transverse headgear strap, said transverse headgear strap is connected to a forehead rest by an adjustable glider mechanism.

76. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 70 wherein said headgear attaches to said interface by a sliding strap.

77. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 70 wherein said headgear includes a transverse strap, said support strap connected to said transverse strap and extending below said ~~mask~~ gases inlet.

78. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 70 wherein ~~said one~~ a first end of said support strap connects to one side of said headgear, a second end of said support strap connecting to said opposite side of said headgear as said first end of said support strap, said strap extending below said ~~mask~~ gases inlet, said strap arranged to form a loop and connect to said conduit below said ~~mask~~ gases inlet.

79. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 70 wherein said interface includes at least one engaging clip,

the top part of said support strap including a mid-section intended to reciprocate with the engaging clip, said support strap capable of sliding relative to the ~~mask~~ interface to reduce forces

on said ~~mask~~ interface due to downward drag from said conduit, said support strap transferring loading on tubing or mask to said headgear.

80. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 70 wherein said headgear is connected to said interface by two sliding straps, said sliding straps preventing said mask from being pulled from a user's face and prevents the sealing member from being dislodged.

81. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 70 wherein said conduit includes a flexible tube connector, said support strap is connected to said flexible tube connector to support said conduit.